



Oncology cover



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Medical Aid in Action

Medihelp provides support for oncology treatment in cooperation with the Independent Clinical Oncology Network (ICON) to ensure members receive the best care and treatment.

Accessing oncology benefits

STEP 01

The first step when diagnosed with cancer is to register on the Medihelp Oncology Programme and obtain authorisation for treatment. Phone Medihelp on 086 0100 678 to register

STEP 02

The ICON oncologist will make the necessary arrangements and complete the required forms

STEP 03

Email the completed oncology treatment form to oncology@medihelp.co.za

Types of treatment and protocols

Medihelp's oncology benefits are based on ICON's treatment protocols, depending on the particular benefit option.

Treatment should be aligned with the applicable protocols, per benefit option, to avoid a co-payment.

Benefits are granted for the following treatments that can also be received in combination:

- Chemotherapy – both intravenous and oral treatments
- Radiation therapy
- Brachytherapy
- Surgery
- Medicine
- Bone marrow/stem cell transplants

Members will receive an oncology guide with all the information they will need.

Oncology benefits

The majority of oncology cases qualify for PMB, and all Medihelp's benefit options offer benefits for cancer that qualifies for PMB.

To qualify for PMB, the cancer must:

- only be present in the organ in which it originated;
- show no evidence of distant metastatic spread to other organs; and
- show no permanent and irreparable damage to the organ in which it originated, or any other organ.

There must be a well demonstrated and documented **five-year survival rate** of more than 10% after treatment of the condition.

Oncology medicine

Cancer medicine qualifies for 100% benefits and is payable at the Medihelp Oncology Reference Price (MORP).

The member can avoid co-payments by:

- Making use of an ICON oncologist
- Using medicines as listed on the Medihelp Oncology Reference Price list
- Ensuring that the treatment is aligned with ICON's protocols
- Obtaining medicine from Dis-Chem Oncology or Medipost (network benefit options)

Non-PMB oncology

If the cancer does not qualify for PMB, a benefit amount applies per option, while non-PMB bone marrow/stem cell transplants do not qualify for benefits.

The **MedPlus** option covers both PMB and non-PMB oncology with no limited benefit amount being applied to non-PMB oncology, while **MedMove!** provides cover for PMB oncology only.

Network options

(MedMove!, MedVital Elect, MedAdd Elect, MedElect and MedPrime Elect)

Medihelp's designated service providers for oncology medicine are Dis-Chem Oncology and Medipost.

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